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Applicant(s): Ford et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	1636
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For:	AN AUTOREGULATORY SYSTEM FOR VALIDATING MICROBIAL GENES AS POSSIBLE ANTIMICROBIAL TARGETS USING A <u>TETRACYCLINE-CONTROLLABLE ELEMENT</u>		

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 17, 2003, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from September 17, 2003 to November 17, 2003.

Please charge \$420 to cover the required extension fee to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895. Please also charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile in accordance with 37 CFR §1.6(d) to the Patent and Trademark Office, addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of **NOVEMBER**, 2003, at 9:40am (Central Time).

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